

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for selectively increasing ~~illumination~~ a display intensity of a at least one region of a screen, the method comprising:

responsive to identifying a first region on the screen, altering a the display intensity of the screen within the first region, wherein, after the display intensity of the first region is altered, the display intensity of the screen within the first region is greater than the display intensity of other regions ~~portions~~ of the screen;

determining whether the first region has been redefined to form a redefined region; and

responsive to the first region being redefined, ~~redefined to form a redefined region~~, altering the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region, wherein the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region is greater than the display intensity of other regions of the screen.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the first region is defined by an active window and wherein the determining step comprises:

determining whether a new window has become the active window, wherein the new window becoming the active window results in the first region being redefined to form the redefined region.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the first region has a shape selected from one of a circle, a square, or a rectangle.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the first region is defined by a window displayed on the screen or by a number of lines above and below an I-bar in a document displayed on the screen.

7. (Currently Amended) A data processing system for selectively increasing ~~illumination~~ a display intensity of a at least one region of a screen, the data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, in which the processing unit executes the set of instructions ~~to~~ to:

responsive to identifying identify a first region on the screen, alter a the display intensity of the screen within the first region, wherein, after the display intensity of the first region is altered, in which the display intensity of the screen within the first region is greater than the display intensity of other regions of the screen, screen;

determine whether the first region has been redefined, redefined to form a redefined region; and

alter the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region, in response to the first region being redefined, wherein the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region is greater than the display intensity of other regions of the screen. redefined to form a redefined region.

8. (Currently Amended) A data processing system for selectively increasing ~~illumination~~ a display intensity of a at least one region of a screen, the data processing system comprising:

altering means, responsive to identifying a first region on the screen, for altering a the display intensity of the screen within the first region, wherein, after the

display intensity of the first region is altered, the display intensity of the screen within the first region is greater than the display intensity of other regions of the screen;

first determining means for determining whether the first region has been redefined to form a redefined region; and

second altering means, responsive to the first region being redefined, ~~redefined to form a redefined region~~, altering the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region, wherein the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region is greater than the display intensity of other regions of the screen.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the determining means is a first determining means and wherein the first region is associated with a pointer and wherein the determining means comprises:

second determining means for determining whether the pointer has moved to a new location on the screen, wherein movement of the pointer to the new location results in movement of the first region to the new location to form the redefined region.

11. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the determining means is a first determining means and wherein the first region is defined by an active window and wherein the determining means comprises:

second determining means for determining whether a new window has become the active window, wherein when the new window becoming becomes the active window window, results in the first region being is redefined to form the redefined region.

12. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the first region has a shape selected from one of a circle, a square, or a rectangle.

13. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the first region is defined ~~by a window displayed on the screen or~~ by a number of lines above and below an I-bar in a document displayed on the screen.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for selectively increasing ~~illumination~~ a display intensity of a at least one region of a screen, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions, responsive to identifying a first region on the screen, for altering a the display intensity of the screen within the first region, wherein, after the display intensity of the first region is altered, the display intensity of the screen within the first region is greater than the display intensity of other regions portions of the screen;

second instructions for determining whether the first region has been redefined to form a redefined region; and

third instructions, responsive to the first region being redefined, ~~redefined to form a redefined region~~, for altering the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region, wherein the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region is greater than the display intensity of other regions of the screen.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the first region is associated with a pointer and wherein the third instructions comprises:

sub-instructions for determining whether the pointer has moved to a new location on the screen, wherein movement of the pointer to the new location results in movement of the first region to the new location to form the redefined region.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the first region is defined by an active window and wherein the third instructions comprises: sub-instructions for determining whether a new window has become the active window, wherein ~~when~~ the new window ~~becoming~~ becomes the active ~~window window~~, ~~results in the first region being~~ is redefined to form the redefined region.
18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the first region has a shape selected from one of a circle, a square, or a rectangle.
19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the first region is defined ~~by a window displayed on the screen or by a number of lines above and below an I-bar in a document~~ displayed on the screen.
20. (New) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the first region is a user-defined region.
21. (New) The data processing system of claim 7, wherein the first region is a user-defined region.
22. (New) The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the first region is a user-defined region.
23. (New) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the first region is a user-defined region.
24. (New) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein a color within the first region remains unchanged when the display intensity of the screen within the first region is altered and wherein the color within the redefined region remains unchanged when the display intensity of the screen within the redefined region is altered.